

REP. LORETTA SANCHEZ URGES SECRETARY CLINTON AND SECRETARY NAPOLITANO TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN VIETNAM

WASHINGTON, D.C. – [Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez](#) (CA-47), Co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Vietnam, and a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers today called issued two letters to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano. The letters urge the State Department to take action regarding re-designation of Country of Particular Concern (CPC) list and to advocate for stateless Vietnamese Montagnard refugees remain in Phnom Penh, Cambodia after the Royal Government of Cambodia announced that they will be closing the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) facility next month. The letters, which had been co-signed by Reps. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Chris Smith (R-NJ), Frank Wolf (R-VA) and Ed Royce (R-CA).

“The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) has recommended that Vietnam be placed on the list of Countries of Particular Concern (CPC).” Rep. Sanchez said. “The State Department officials, Amnesty International, Human Rights Network, and many other human rights organizations had expressed their concerns over the ongoing crackdown against lawyers, trade unionists, religious leaders and Internet dissidents. It should be more than enough evidence for the United States to re-establish clear policies demonstrating that it is unacceptable for the Government of Vietnam to deny people their rights by re-designating Vietnam as a Country of Particular Concern (CPC) under the International Religious Freedom Act.”

“The strings of incidents and recent attack of U.S. diplomat Christian by the Vietnamese police speak loud volume of the Vietnamese Communist Party’s unwillingness to fix its abysmal human rights record. I hope that Secretary Napolitano will acknowledge the current state of the Montagnard refugees who have not been resettled in a third country and urge her agencies to make the effort to ensure that those families in the U.S. can reunite with their families in the post expeditious manner.”

A copy of Rep. Sanchez’s letters is available below:

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